

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

JANUARY 5, 2016

April is “National Volunteer Month.” This declaration recognizes individuals who dedicate their time and energy to improve communities locally and nationally. The County of Los Angeles thanks all County volunteers for their outstanding contributions and acknowledges the value of their service.

I initiated the County’s Volunteer Program in 1981, to encourage community members, County employees, and County retirees to volunteer their time and talents to public service programs. Today, nearly all County Departments, as well as the Los Angeles Superior Court, benefit from large volunteer support. While volunteers do not replace or serve as substitutes for County employees, they complement employee efforts by assisting with supplementary tasks.

“Volunteers Link Communities” is the theme of the 2016 Volunteer of the Year Awards ceremony, scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2016, in the Grand Hall, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center. The 34th anniversary celebration honors County volunteers for their acts of generosity and kindness. Whether volunteers serve on a monumental scale or demonstrate acts of grace on an individual basis, it all makes a difference in connecting communities with County government. Their dedication and commitment helps the County carry out its mission, “to enrich lives through effective and caring service.”

More than 100,000 individuals donated over 4 million volunteer hours in 2014 to County departments. According to the Independent Sector, a national organization based in Washington, D.C., that calculates the value of such effort, the County’s volunteer hours represent a value of \$93 million.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim Monday, April 4, 2016, as “Volunteers Link Communities” throughout the County of Los Angeles;

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2. Authorize the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to appropriate \$42,000 for the 2016 County Volunteer Program, including the annual "Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards Ceremony" on April 4, 2016, the annual Volunteer Coordinator Training on July 19, 2016, and the annual Volunteer Program planning meeting on November 15, 2016;
3. Request that departmental volunteer coordinators submit to the CEO Office of Workplace Programs and Marketing quarterly reports on the number of volunteer hours donated to their respective departments;
4. Request that the CEO, the Internal Services Department and departmental coordinators provide the necessary support for the 2016 County Volunteer Program;
5. Waive the facility use fee in the amount of \$750, excluding the cost of liability insurance, for the Grand Hall and Lobby of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center for the annual "Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards Ceremony" on Monday, April 4, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.;
6. Waive the \$20 per vehicle parking fee for 170 vehicles in the amount of \$3,400, excluding cost of liability insurance, at the Music Center for honorees and guests attending the annual "Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards Ceremony" on April 4, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.;
7. Waive the \$20 per vehicle parking fee for 20 vehicles in the amount of \$400, excluding cost of liability insurance, at the Music Center Garage for departmental volunteer coordinators to attend the annual Volunteer Coordinator Training on July 19, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; and
8. Waive the \$20 per vehicle parking fee for 20 vehicles in the amount of \$400, excluding the cost of liability insurance, at the Music Center for departmental volunteer coordinators to attend the 2017 Volunteer Program planning meeting on November 15, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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